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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (allowed): A holding base system comprising

a base unit including

a platform having a top surface and a bottom surface with a V-notch

formed in the bottom and extending across said platform;

means for securing said V-notch of said platform to a tubular
surface;

an exteriorly splined shaft extending from said top surface of said
platform; and

an article holder including

an interiorly splined socket fitting over and cooperating with said
exteriorly splined shaft; and

bifurcated arms fixed at and extending from opposite sides of said
interiorly splined socket.

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Claim 2 (currently amended): A holding base system as in Claim 1, wherein
the bifurcated arms ~~are substantially rigid and~~ each have at least one
flexible vane fixed thereto and extending inwardly towards the
opposite one of said bifurcated arms and towards said socket.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A holding base system as in Claim 1, further
including

a pair of base units;
~~rigid~~ connector means interconnecting said pair of base units;
an article holder secured to each of said base units; and
means for adjusting the angular relationship of at least one of said article
holders relative to the base unit to which said one article holder is
secured.

Claim 4 (cancel).

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Claim 5 (currently amended): A holding base system as in Claim 4, 1 wherein
including

~~at least one of said article securement means includes~~

a plurality of flexible vanes on each of said bifurcated
arms and each said vane extending inwardly from an arm towards
the other said arm and downwardly towards the socket.

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (cancel).

Claim 9 (allowed): A holding base system as in Claim 1, further including
means for securing an article inserted downwardly between the
bifurcated arms.

Claim 10 (cancel).